

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
APRIL 22, 2013

All members in attendance

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the April 15th minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Angie Bever, Community Corrections Director, brought over the contract. The State has changed it from a 1 year contract to a 2 year contract. The Board had Pat Roberts review the contract and with his approval, Commissioner West made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mrs. Bever said that the grants are scored with 100 points available along with 3 extra points and the grant she submitted received 100 points.

CLERK

Clerk Tawna Leffel-Sands came before the Commissioners to ask for their approval to hire her part time person to full time. The Clerk explained that she has a Deputy position in her budget that the money was not appropriated. She explained that she would move some of her part time money into that line and the rest of the salary out of her incentive money. She would also move part of another salary to her 4D incentive money. There would not be any additional cost to the County. The Clerk would also pay for the benefits of the new person out of her incentive funds. The Clerk took this issue to the Miami County Council and they asked her to bring it to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the Clerk to make her part time person full time with the plan she has presented. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Clerk also informed the Board that she had to let an employee go and she needs to replace that position very quickly as to not let that desk get behind. Commissioner West made a motion to support the Clerk in filling the position that is vacant due to the dismissal of the employee. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Commissioners would like background checks done along with drug testing.

EMA

EMA Director, Kris Marks, gave the Commissioners an update of the flooding in the County due to the recent storms.

PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barry Rassi and members of the Peru Public Library Board came before the Board of Commissioners asking again for the County to “do their part” and agree to give the Library \$50,000 a year for 20 years to renovate the Library. This is the 4th time that the library has made this request. Mr. Rassi gave an overview of the project and the funding efforts they have tried.

Mr. Rassi stated that County residents have full access to the Library. Commissioner Francis asked about the e-books because a county resident said they did not have access to those because they were County instead of City. Mr. Rassi said that was true and would not change.

Years ago the Board of Commissioners appropriated money in their budget to cover the cost of County residents using the library so they didn’t have to pay a fee. Up until this year \$75,000 was appropriated out of their budget, for 2013 the \$75,000 was appropriated

in the C.E.D.I.T. Fund. The Library also receives \$69,712 a year from C.O.I.T. (County Option Income Tax) funds.

Mr. Rassi said a past County Official told him there was room in the C.O.I.T. tax to increase it to come up with the money for the Library. Commissioner Francis said he would not favor a tax increase for the Miami County residents. He said Miami County is near the top heaviest taxed counties in the State.

The Commissioners are aware that the Library needs some renovation but they are also aware money is tight and the County is going to have to have a new CAD system to keep 9-1-1 operating.

Mr. Rassi said that if they don't do something soon, it would push them into the next grant cycle and he wanted the Commissioners to fight strongly for the project funding. He also requested that the Commissioners assign one of them to be a liaison between the Commissioners and the Library. Commissioner West was appointed as the liaison.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, came before the Board with an estimate for the electrical work she needs done for the computers she wants to put on her counter. The quote is from D & L Electric in the amount of \$508.03. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and to pay it out of Cumulative Courthouse. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mrs. McAuliffe also informed the Board that she is making Karen Lemaster her 1st Deputy. There was a question as to whether Mrs. Lemaster could do it since she is a Township Trustee but Mrs. McAuliffe has spoken to two attorneys that said it was ok. Mrs. McAuliffe asked that Mrs. Lemaster be granted access to the building with her card. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

AUDITOR

Auditor Jane Lilley brought a claim before the Board that was presented for payment from an employee for reimbursement of a purchase. The Auditor explained that she does not feel she can sign the claim because of several issues. The employee used a personal debit card to make the purchase, used a personal rewards card, and the County's tax ID number. The reimbursement was asked for out of 4-D incentive funds and was for desk fans. There were 9 fans purchased and there are only 4 employees in 4-D and it is her understanding that 4-D incentive monies can only be used for 4-D expenses. The Board asked her to bring the claim back next week.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

Toby Steffan and Jonathon Sera from Butler Fairman & Seufert came before the Board to introduce Mr. Sera to the Board and to go over some of what would be done during the inspection. Butler Fairman and Seufert won the contract for Bridge inspections in Miami County.

LEPC REQUEST

Ken Einselen, LEPC member, informed the Board that the LEPC would like to purchase a piece of equipment and the company they want to purchase it from will only accept credit card purchases. Mr. Einselen informed them the LEPC does not have a credit card and would like to request permission to order the piece of equipment using the Commissioners credit card and then the LEPC would pay the charge when it came in. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MC CONTRACTING

MC Contracting submitted a bill of \$135 for the removal of the old pay phones. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Janice Clemons, bookkeeper, brought the ditch bills for the Highway before the Board because there are penalties and interest on them due to some confusion last year. The Treasurer said she needed a memo from the Board of Commissioner in order to remove the penalties and interest. Commissioner West made a motion to send a memo to the Treasurer asking for the removal of the penalties and interest. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

4-D

Peter Diedrichs, 4-D, came before the Board to ask to purchase a computer out of 4-D Incentive funds. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the purchase of a computer out of the 4-D Incentive funds. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

NEW CLEANING CONTRACT

The Board awarded the cleaning contract last week but did not give a start date. Commissioner West made a motion to have a start date of May 1, 2013. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

AMCO ELEVATOR BILL

The Board received a bill in the amount of \$3,480 from AMCO Elevator for repair work on the elevator in the Annex. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley